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EASLEY APPOINTS PEET TO MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley appointed **Robert K. Peet** of Chapel Hill to the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences Advisory Commission.

Peet is a professor of biology at UNC-Chapel Hill. He is the president of the International Association for Vegetation Science, chair of the Carolina Vegetation Survey and a member of the Ecological Society of America. Peet received the Distinguished Service Award in 1995 from the Ecological Society of America and is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He earned his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in botany from the University of Wisconsin in Madison and his Doctorate in ecology from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.

The commission formulates policies for the advancement of the State Museum of Natural Sciences and assists in promoting and developing wider and more effective use of the museum as an educational, scientific and historical exhibit. There are 40 members on the commission, each serving a four-year term. The governor appoints 33 members. The director of Institute of Marine Sciences of UNC, State Geologist, Commissioner of Agriculture, secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, director of N.C. Museum of Natural Sciences, superintendent of Public Instruction and director of the Wildlife Resources Commission also serve on the commission.

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